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VIENNA FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE

REFS: A. STATE 151596

B. BUDAPEST 2151

C. WARSAW 4376

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN
REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED IN REFTEL A.

2. WE WISH TO ADD OUR SUPPORT TO SUGGESTION OF EMBASSY
BUDAPEST THAT THE PROBLEM OF DEA ACTIVITIES AND NARCOTICS
CONTROL IN EASTERN EUROPE BE ADDED TO THE CONFERENCE
AGENDA (REF B). WE BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSIONS IN THIS
VEIN AMONG CONFERENCE SPONSORS AND NARCOTICS COORDINATORS
FROM EE EMBASSIES MAY BE USEFUL IN CLARIFYING DEA
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EXPECTATIONS IN THE BLOC COUNTRIES.

3. EMBASSY PRAGUE CURRENTLY SHARES WITH EMBASSY WARSAW (REF C), AMONG OTHERS, THE PROBLEM OF DEVELOPING INTEREST AMONG HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS IN CONTROL OF NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. EVIDENCE TO DATE INDICATES THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NEITHER A SIGNIFICANT USER/PRODUCER OF NARCOTICS NOR A PARTICULARLY USEFUL TRAFFIC ROUTE. WE THEREFORE WILL BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING AT THE CONFERENCE BOTH THE ROLE OF SUCH COUNTRIES AS CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, AND POLAND IN DEA'S EUROPEAN STRATEGY AS WELL AS WAYS OF PERSUADING GOC TO COOPERATE WITH USG IN THIS AREA.

4. EMBASSY PRAGUE SEES THE CONFERENCE AS MOST OPPORTUNE PARTICULARLY SINCE IT COINCIDES WITH OUR OWN RENEWED EFFORTS TO SPARK INTEREST IN THE GOC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CENTRAL CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION.

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